CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	f4912e0fbea8487a_0_embedded_1.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1900574.025
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	17 March 2020
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	17 March 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. While sex is not explicitly depicted, the image shows a young teenage girl being involved in sexual activity by a man. The image clearly presents the idea that young persons are appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention and it is intended for the titillation and arousal of adult viewers with a sexual interest in young persons. Further, the URL on the image connects to a website that not only depicts sexually explicit content involving adult women but also females who are clearly young teenagers, which reinforces the exploitative nature of the image. The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 be banned. It also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.